

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for providing ~~the functionality of an~~ operating and maintenance function exchange termination unit (ET) and a line termination unit (LT) in a communication network (NW) that comprises on the subscriber side ~~has at least one time-multiplex-oriented partial network an ISDN-~~ network (ISDN) and on the transport side at least one packet-oriented ~~partial network~~ (NGN), with a gateway (AGW) and a media gateway controller (GWC) being arranged at the transport-side end of the ~~time-multiplex-oriented partial network~~ (ISDN), ISDN network with the functionality of the exchange termination unit (ET) and of the line termination unit (LT) being implemented in the gateway (AGW) and/or in the media gateway controller (GWC).

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that wherein

functions (OAM) for ~~the~~ at least one of operation, and/or administration and/or maintenance in the time-multiplex-oriented communication network (ISDN) are realized in the exchange termination unit (ET) and line termination unit (LT) for ~~the~~ transmission of information within the time-multiplex-oriented communication network (ISDN).

4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1,

~~characterized in that~~wherein

the functionality of the exchange termination unit (ET) is implemented in the media gateway controller (GWC) and the functionality of the line termination unit (LT) is implemented in the access gateway (AGW).

5. (currently amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~ claim 1,

~~characterized in that~~wherein

the packet-oriented communication network (NGN) is realized according to at least one of the Internet protocol (IP), ~~and/or~~ SIP and ~~or~~ ATM.

6. (currently amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~ claim 1,

~~characterized in that~~wherein

the time-multiplex-oriented partial network (ISDN) is one of an ISDN network ~~and or~~ a number of ISDN-SSist.

7. (currently amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~ claim 3,

~~characterized in that~~wherein

the functions (OAM) for operation, administration and maintenance are essentially performed according to at least one of standard ETSI ETS 300 011, ~~and/or~~ standard ITU-T G.962 and ~~or~~ standard ETSI ETS 300 233.

8. (currently amended) A communication network (NW) for ~~the~~ exchange of information that transmits the information on ~~the a~~ subscriber side via at least one time-multiplex-oriented partial network (ISDN) and on ~~the a~~ transport side via at least one packet-oriented partial network (NGN), with a gateway (AGW) and a media gateway controller (GWC) being arranged at the transport-side end of the time-multiplex-oriented partial network (ISDN), with the functionality of an exchange termination unit (ET) and of a line termination unit (LT) being implemented in at least one of the gateway (AGW) and ~~or~~ the media gateway controller (GWC).

9. (cancelled)

10. (new) A method for providing a functionality of an exchange termination unit (ET) and a line termination unit (LT) in a communication network (NW) that on a subscriber side has at least one time-multiplex-oriented partial network (ISDN) and on a transport side at least one packet-oriented partial network (NGN), with a gateway (AGW) and an SIP server being arranged at the transport-side end of the time-multiplex-oriented partial network (ISDN), with the functionality of the exchange termination unit (ET) and of the line termination unit (LT) being implemented in at least one of the gateway (AGW) and the SIP server.

11. (new) The method according to claim 10, wherein functions (OAM) for at least one of operation, administration and maintenance in the time-multiplex-oriented communication network (ISDN) are realized in the exchange termination unit (ET) and line termination unit (LT) for the transmission of information within the time-multiplex-oriented communication network (ISDN).

12. (new) The method according to claim 10, wherein the packet-oriented communication network (NGN) is realized according to at least one of the Internet protocol (IP), SIP and ATM.

13. (new) The method according to claim 10, wherein the time-multiplex-oriented partial network (ISDN) is one of an ISDN network and a number of ISDN-SSist.

14. (new) The method according to claim 11, wherein the functions (OAM) for operation, administration and maintenance are essentially performed according to at least one of standard ETSI ETS 300 011, standard ITU-T G.962 and standard ETSI ETS 300 233.